

**Minutes
Newton Planning Commission
July 29, 2003
Council Chambers
City Hall**

The regular meeting of the Newton Planning Commission was held at 7:30 p.m. on July 29, 2003 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Members

Present: Brevard Arndt
Tom Dixon
Clinton Sigmon
Stan Winstead

Members

Absent: Gary Corne
Kent Elliott
Tony Jarrett

Staff

Present: Glenn Pattishall, Planning Director
Alex Fulbright, Planner

Others: None

Chairman Arndt called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes June 24, 2003 Meeting

Chairman Arndt asked for consideration of the minutes. With no changes, corrections, or additions, Chairman Arndt ruled that the minutes were approved as presented.

Item 3: Old Business – Discussion of Area Specific Plan #1

Chairman Arndt called on Mr. Pattishall to make some comments. **Mr. Pattishall** reviewed his July 29th memo to the Planning Commission stating that he and Mr. Fulbright had met with representatives of Snyder Paper, M. E. Cline, and Hal Kaylor Properties as well as Barbara McCombs, Dale Earnhardt, Jack Fletcher and East First Street Baptist and Catawba Pines property owners concerning the impact of the proposed loop and a planning initiative currently underway by the City for Area #1. He reviewed the issues from each of the meetings and stated that the concerns needed to be factored in during consideration of the plans, preparations, and recommendations.

Mr. Pattishall also passed out a Smart Growth Tool Box local government excerpt from the Fall 2000 Institute of Government publication Popular Government. **Mr. Pattishall** reviewed the Tool Box and highlighted certain issues that he felt the Planning Commission would need to bring to bear in terms of policies and decision-making when doing the Area Specific Plans and more specifically Area Specific Plan #1, in which the Planning Commission was currently working on. He stated that both he and Mr. Fulbright would be including various parts of the Tool Box in their presentations and documents which would be given to the Planning Commission as well as to the public to assist with policy formulation and decision-making in the future, for not only Area Specific Plan #1, but future area specific plans.

Item 5: New Business

There was none.

Item 6: Reports for June 2003

Mr. Pattishall reviewed the June Permit, Code Enforcement, and Planners Report.

Item 7: Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn J. Pattishall/AICP
Secretary

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